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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)
TRADE IN PARLIAMENT.

ANXIETY IN COTTON MARKET.

LONDON, March 19.
In the House of Commons Mr. Sugden called attention to the serious nature of the conditions affecting markets abroad of the cotton-spinning and weaving trade since the armistice. He asked about the possibilities of opening new markets and the solution of exchange values. Mr. Steel-Maitland replied that it was the duty of the commercial attaches and trade commissioners to report upon the possibilities of new or extended markets for British goods. The Far Eastern situation was full of anxiety and the despatch of a special mission of investigation was being considered. No report could suggest any general solution of exchange values as the problems differed in various localities. He was unaware of any prospect of a shortage of American cotton for the Lancashire mills, while the Government had already taken the necessary steps to secure Egyptian supplies.

VIEWS AND NEWS OF "HAWAS"

LONDON, March 16.
Contrary to expectation President Wilson did not attend the meeting of the Council of Ten yesterday.

The Supreme War Council had a very bulky volume before it, containing the detailed schedule of military, naval, and aerial terms to be imposed upon Germany.

President Wilson has issued a statement that the decision taken at the plenary session of the Peace Conference on January 25 that the foundation of the League of Nations should form an integral part of the peace treaty is final. Therefore there is no ground for the reports that a modification of this decision is being considered.

Representatives of the Entente and Germany held a meeting at the Hotel Astoria, Brussels. They did not salute one another on entering the room and there were no polite formalities.

Admiral Wemyss, read a secret terms for renewing the armistice. The leader of the German delegation reported "yes." Then the agreement was signed.

French papers mention a scheme for the future status of the Kiel Canal which has received a certain amount of support among the peace delegates. The exploitation of the canal by an international limited liability company is meant. The value of the canal and a narrow strip of territory on either bank is to be deducted from the general sum to be recovered from Germany.

DISASTROUS DOCK FIRE.

LONDON, March 6.
At the port of Santos in Brazil a very serious fire at the docks has destroyed 29,000 bales of jute and 50,000 bags of "state government" coffee. The loss is estimated at \$1,500,000.

SILVER MARKET.

SINGAPORE Mar. 19.

The silver market is quiet.

LATER.

The silver market is steady.

WHAT BERLIN MEANS.

It has looked during the past week as if the police functions of the League of Nations might have to be exercised in Germany before anywhere else. I do not share the suspicions of the *Morning Post* that the civil war in Berlin is only a little comedy got up for the purpose of hoodwinking the Allies; on the contrary, I feel ashamed when the London press makes itself so ridiculous in the eyes of foreign nations. What we have really been witnessing is the struggle for power in the reconstruction which must follow the war—the same thing that we have had in England, but less orderly owing to the absence of any constituted authority. The French have wisely postponed the struggle, but it will have to come there also. In Berlin what the rival groups have probably been fighting for more than anything else is to get the top place before the elections come on in a few days' time. When they are over, Germany will probably right herself. In the meantime, it is well to remember that Berlin is not Germany—not by any means.

—Truth.

AMERICAN RADIOGRAMS.

PEACE CONFERENCE.

GERMANY'S LEASE OF TSINGTAO.

WASHINGTON, March 19.
The Associated Press correspondent at Paris reports that it is said that the Peace Conference has virtually decided to include in the Preliminary Treaty of Peace requirements that Germany relinquish her leasehold of Tsingtao and of all her property concessions in Shantung province.—*American Wireless.*

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

NEW YORK, March 19.
The Secretary to President Wilson announced that he is in receipt of a cablegram from President Wilson stating that the Plenary Council has positively decided that the League of Nations will be part of the Peace Treaty.—*American Wireless.*

LOANS TO SIBERIA.

WASHINGTON, March 19.
The United States Treasury Department advanced a new credit amounting to \$15,000,000 to be expended by Siberia, making the total loans by the United States to Siberia \$27,000,000, and the total United States loans to the Allies \$8,674,657,000.—*American Wireless.*

U. S. REVENUE.

WASHINGTON, March 19.
President Wilson, in signing the Revenue Bill, has put into operation the machinery for collecting six billion dollars by taxation this year.

The new measure carried a rider making the District of Columbia "bone dry," with no liquors permitted except in the foreign Embassies and Legations, which will not be affected by the measure.—*American Wireless.*

PRESIDENT WILSON IN PARIS.

PARIS, Mar. 19.
President Wilson arrived here shortly after noon on Friday.—*American Wireless.*

COTTON QUOTATIONS.

LIVERPOOL, Mar. 19.

The cotton quotations are as follows:

Spot 17.47d.

—*American Wireless.*

CHINESE COMMERCIAL ORGANISATION.

Chicago, March 19.

On Tuesday, the first exclusively Chinese commercial organisation in the United States was formed in the shape of a new Chinese Steamship Line to which the Chinese merchants of San Francisco have subscribed \$3,000,000.

The dedication of the Chinese Industrial Commercial Association building in the Chinese quarter in Chicago took place on Tuesday.

Chi. Lin-tsun, Chinese Consul-General at New York, and a number of Chinese of New York were welcomed by the Chicago business-men at a banquet.

The Consul-General said the Association had been planned to promote friendly relations and to encourage commerce between the Republic of the United States of America and China. A cordial spirit of co-operation was shown between the American merchants and the Chinese.—*American Wireless.*

RACE PREJUDICE.

New York, March 19.
Viscount Ishii, Japanese Ambassador to the United States, speaking before the Japan Society, last evening, urged action by the Peace Conference to eliminate race prejudice.—*American Wireless.*

THAT NAUGHTY MOSES.

From the always delightful diary of "The New Peeps" in *Truth* we abstract this pleasant story:

Meeting Mr. MacTaggart, whom I have not seen a great while, and mentioning Princess Pat, her being the first of our Princesses that took herself to a commiseration, "I would have ye know, mon," quoth he hotly, "that the Ramsays are in truth royal of the royal, being in the direct line from the Pharaoh Ramses who did harry the Israelites." More over, do instance in proof hereof how Sir William de Ramsay, in the xiii. centy. did (by grace of his friend King Robert the Bruce) have the teeth pulled of every Jew in the Lowlands. Whereat the poor creature protesting, as at an unmerited wrong, "Nay, ye rogues," says Sir William, "but a just revenge for what your devil of a Moses did to the 1st Ramses." And hearing this, vows MacTaggart, they held their peace, being unable to deny it. Which is very strange.

CABLE BOAT'S ADVENTURE.

CHASE FOR GERMANS IN SOUTHERN SEAS.

Modestly hidden away in a Treasury White Paper issued recently dealing with the accounts of the Pacific Cable Board is a story of an exciting chase for escaped German prisoners by the cable maintenance steamer Iris.

The boat was proceeding with its ordinary work when it was requisitioned by the New Zealand Department of Defence to conduct a search for a party of German prisoners of war [who had escaped from the internment camp at Motuiki Island, Auckland Harbour, on December 13, 1917. The fugitives, under the leadership of Lieutenant-Commander Count Felix Von Luckner, who had been in command of the German raider Seeadler, secured a motor launch, in which they succeeded in getting away from Auckland. On December 16 they captured the timber-laden scow Moa, to which they transferred themselves from the launch. The Iris proceeded from Auckland on December 16 in pursuit, and overtook the Moa at Curtis Island, in the Kermadec group. All the escaped prisoners were recaptured, and the Iris returned to Auckland with the Moa in tow, arriving there on December 26.

This little sidelight on the war is contained in the Cable Board's report for the financial year April 1, 1917, to March 31, 1918, which is included in the Treasury White Paper showing the money issued from the Consolidated Fund under the Pacific Cable Act, 1901, and the money received, expended, and borrowed, and securities created.

CABLE FINANCE.

In its financial aspect alone the report is interesting as showing the magnitude of the work of the Cable Board. The receipts for the year amounted to £411,061 10s. 4d., this sum exceeding the expenditure by £112,088 8s. The excess of receipts over expenditure was greater by £21,162 3s. 6d. than that of the previous year. The net traffic receipts, £401,974 10s. 6d., exceeded those of the Government Railways, £374,315 7s. 7d., this being a record, excluding special appropriations, shows an increase of £16,125 6s. 9d. over that of the preceding year, and £27,262 2s. 4d. over the original estimate. This increase was due mainly to the greater cost and consumption of stores, and to heavier staff charges consequent upon the higher rate of war allowance and increased overtime charges.

During the year over 7,500,000 paying words of international traffic were handled, and nearly 600,000 words of messages to, from, and in relation to wounded members of expeditionary forces were transmitted free. In addition 1,729,000 paying words were carried between Australia and New Zealand, and "between Australasia and the Pacific Islands."

The quantity of paying words of international traffic was less by 1,250,000 than that transmitted during the previous year (when the record total of nearly 9,000,000 words was established). This reduction was due to the enforced curtailment of cheap classes of traffic owing to connecting companies being unable to accept them.

Cables continue to be heavily pressed with war traffic, and it is feared that no opportunity of reinstating the week end telegram and deferred press will occur until the return to normal conditions. It is hoped, however, that the reinstatement of deferred ordinary may be possible in the near future.

THE CORONET.

Last night there were packed houses at the Coronet Theatre. The chief picture was "The Escape." This drama was well screened, and the actors played in a most realistic manner. Lilian Gish was in the leading part. A Charlie Chaplin film entitled "Charlie in the Police" was extremely popular. Charlie comes out of prison and is met by various people who wish to help him to keep straight. Needless to say they achieved very little success. The Manager of this theatre might give his patrons another chance of seeing this film. Many must have missed it due to the theatre filling so quickly on the three days the picture has been showing. Colonel Heeza Liar was depicted getting married which was quite amusing. Altogether a fine programme and the orchestra is first class.

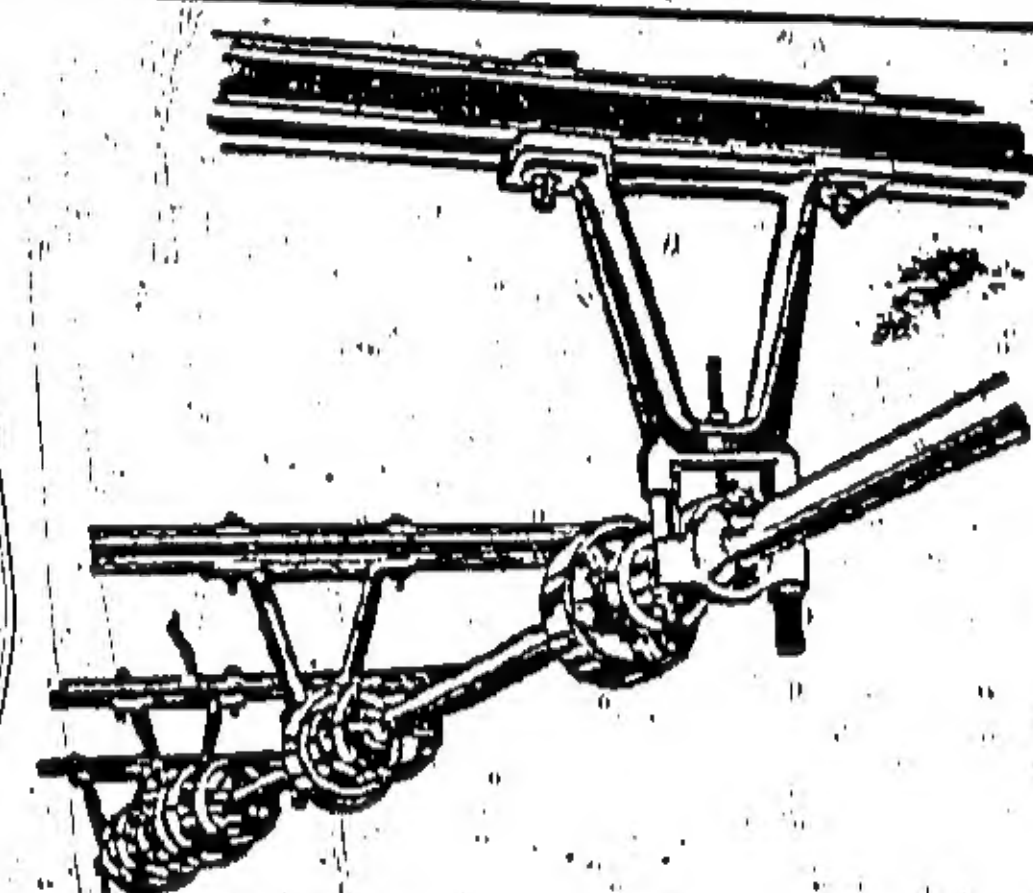
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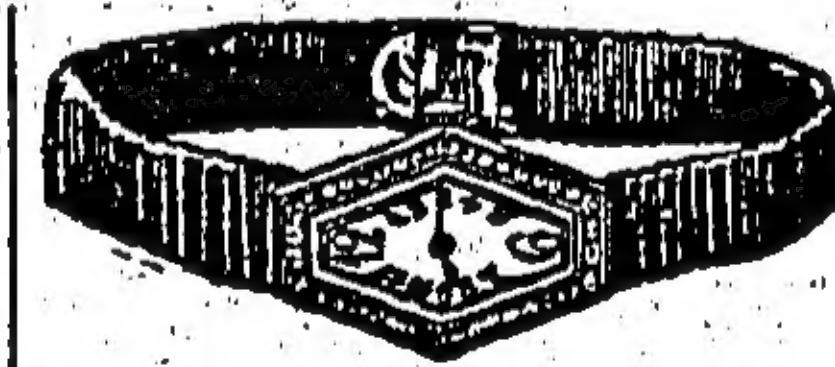
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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1919.

THE BRITISH DICTATOR.

Mr. Lloyd George is nearly as much a Dictator as Oliver Cromwell was. It may not be realized now, but history will so record it. Since the coup d'Etat of December 1916, he has been more royal than the King, and has well earned the title of King George VI. The "mandate" of the General Election has established him, and he will have as much power as Napoleon I. or President Wilson until his Tory associates play him false and pull him down. By that time, probably, his work will have been done, and it may not matter much, either to him or to us.

The people at home were little conscious of this dictatorship and few that it was a good working arrangement. In war time government by debating society was found to be impossible. Mr. Clemenceau had abolished it in France, largely by clapping his political opponents into jail. Republican America gives its President the powers of an autocrat. President Wilson can ignore his Senators and Congressmen with less trouble than the Kaiser could have ignored the Reichstag. As for our Parliament, it was exactly in the position of the children in a cottage home when the mother is having another baby. Told to run away and play, it did so, without anything being a penny the worse, or better, for it. Now that there is no opposition worth mentioning, it will count for even less.

The Rt. Hon. C. F. G. Masterman, (who wrote that illuminating pre-war book, "The Condition of England") tells us some things not generally known about the Cabinet. Many people are still under delusion as to Cabinet government, he says. They imagine a debating society discussion, and then a solemn vote. They imagine that the Cabinet, chosen by a Prime Minister responsible to Parliament, is the instrument of government. A British Cabinet, whatever the constitutional theory

may be, is in truth a debating society chosen by the Prime Minister to assist him in his work. Nine-tenths of its work consists of either the settlement through the ultimate authority of the Prime Minister of difficulties which have arisen in the actual course of things in the executive departments, or of considering the report of the various Cabinet committees which are preparing various bills to be introduced, or of helping the Minister in charge of any bill going through the House, by discussing modifications to meet criticism. It does not "debate" except when great questions arise; and although (says Mr. Masterman) a wordy hero who has been introduced may make hay with the business, no such person existed in the Cabinet of which I had experience. Even Ministers can remain silent for a little space when details are being discussed of departmental or legislative work in which they have no interest. Mr. Birrell has told us that for months his sole function when bright, idealistic schemes were being advocated was to call out "hardly from time to time, 'Ireland, Ireland.'"

And the Cabinet does not vote. It is the most widespread illusion. If it voted and acted by the decision of the majority this country would be governed by a committee system. And a committee government is the worst possible form of government—except a dictatorship elected by popular vote, practically nominating Executive and Legislature; the plebiscitary Dictatorship which led Napoleon III. after selling discredit for many years with huge doses of money and Public Works, straight to Sedan. An individual member of the Cabinet has only two methods of influence—persuasion or resignation. If he attempts the latter he is allowed to place his position before the House of Commons; and if he and any of the Prime Minister, who is the chief minister, go. But I have seen a Prime Minister carry his point by persuasion—even after repeated offers of resignation—against the overwhelming majority of his colleagues.

Already Mr. Lloyd George has tried another method, that of threatening to appeal to the country again, and—though we are as yet in ignorance of the cause of it—we are prepared to believe that it will be more effective than the persuasion Mr. Masterman talks about. With the help of a subsidized or purchased press, the retention on as long as possible of "Dona," and the natural hunger of his associates for office, the Dictator has a prospect of a longer run than some people have been prophesying. But in no circumstances will it be a long one.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth
\$s. 1 11 16.

Hongkong-Canton steamers were
delayed by fog yesterday.

To-day's return of communi-
cable disease shows one case of
cerebro-spinal fever.

In his lecture at Canton, Che-
valier Volpicelli drew a parallel
between Dante and Confucius.

Tickets at present booked for
"Pinkie and the Fairies" cannot be
exchanged for the extra perform-
ances.

The lower House of the Kwang-
tung Assembly meets to-day to
discuss the cancellation of illegal
loans to the government.

Dr. C. T. Wang, one of China's
delegates at Paris, has been ap-
pointed to go to Brussels for the
Inter-Parliamentary Conference there.

Major A. J. Thompson, D.S.O.,
R.G.A. formerly Staff Officer of the
Hongkong Volunteer Corps, was
appointed Acting Lieut.-Colonel at
the end of last year.

The Asiatic Petroleum Com-
pany at Canton has been getting
blackmailing letters from bandits.
The Consul has written to the Pro-
vincial authorities about it.

The annual athletic sports for
the combined Hongkong Schools will
be held on Friday, 28th inst., at
the Race course. There will be
the usual races for past pupils.

Sgt. Major T. G. Atter R.G.A. who
was serving in the Hongkong
Singapore R.G.A. here in pre-war
days, has been commissioned as
Lieutenant (District Officer) R.A.

Mr. Israel Zangwill says the
real mission of the Jews is to convert
Christians to Christianity. That is
what the Rev. T. D. Woodman
Dowling has been attempting at
Kowloon.

The Canton Times says: Some of
our local rice merchants who have
made excessive profits since the rice
shortage, have stopped eating pork.
They don't want the public to think
they are cannibals.

It was announced in error
yesterday that the curtain on "Pinkie
and the Fairies" was to rise at 9
p.m. to-morrow. The Public is
requested to note that this evening

Lieut.-Colonel Gel. Badham-Thorn-
hill, D.S.O., R.G.A., has been awarded
the Italian war cross. Lieut.-Colonel
Badham Thornhill served in Hong-
kong in pre-war days, and has since
been employed for a time as Staff
Officer to the Colonial Forces in
Singapore.

Major (Act. Lieut.-Colonel)
R.H.M. Watson, R.G.A., who com-
manded a company of Hongkong
Singapore R.G.A. here at the out-
break of war, has been awarded the
"Order of the Crown of Italy,"
Officer "by the King of Italy."

The Canton Chamber of Com-
merce at Shanghai has informed the
Kwangtung Food Relief Association
that \$250,000 has been received and
that soon a representative will be
sent to Wuhu to ship more rice.
Three days later rice will be trans-
ported to Canton.

A Chinese was this morning
brought up on remand, before Mr.
Lindsay, on an application for his
surrender to Singapore where he
was wanted for the larceny of a
quantity of gold spectacle rims and
other articles the property of the
Commercial Press. Mr. Longino
who appeared for the Crown asked
for a further remand as the witnesses
have not yet arrived from Singapore.
Mr. Agassiz, for the defence agreed,
but said he would like a definite date
fixed as his client had been in
custody for quite a long while. A
further week's remand was ordered.

DR. BARNARD'S HOMES.

"A HONGKONG BED."

The appeal for subscriptions for
"Hongkong Bed" in this excellent
institution, as a memorial to
Barnardo boys who died in the war,
is progressing.

To the \$303.00 previously acknow-
ledged, Mrs. H. E. Pollock, of 128,
The Peak, who is Honorary
Treasurer, now adds the following
list:

H. E. Hon. Mr. Claud Severn	\$100.00
Hon. P. H. Holyoak	100.00
Mr. E. V. D. Parr	50.00
Mrs. Murray Scott	20.00
Mrs. A. Beattie	20.00
General Ventris	20.00
Mrs. Bowler	20.00
Mrs. Scott Harston	10.00
Mrs. Grimble	10.00
Mr. E. Howard	10.00
Mrs. W. H. Bell	10.00
Mr. P. Burns	10.00
Mrs. Hodgson	10.00
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THE GYMKHANA CLUB.

The Hongkong Gymkhana Club
holds its first 1919 meeting, on April
5. Following is the programme:

1.—3.15 p.m.—HALF MILE RACE.—
For Subscription Griffiths of the
Season 1918-1919 which have run
and not won an Official Race.
Weight for inches as per scale.
Unplaced runners at Official Meet-
ing allowed 3 lb. Jockeys who
have not won more than two
official Races allowed 5 lb. Entrance
fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$150. 2nd Prize
\$75. 3rd Prize: \$40.

2.—GYMKHANA STAKES.—Value
\$200. Distance—One Mile. For
all China Ponies. Catch weights
at 10 st. 6 lb. Winners of an open
race or open Griffin race or Ponies
that have won the aggregate prize
in the Gymkhana Stakes in any
season 5 lb. extra. Non-winning
Subscription Griffiths allowed 5 lb.

A Cup to be run for five times, or
as decided by the Committee, called
the Gymkhana Cup will be presented
at the end of the Season to be won
by the Pony scoring most marks in
the races for the Gymkhana Stakes
at the Gymkhana Meetings during
the Season, counting 4 points for a
first; 2 for a second; and 1 for a
third. The benefit of marks already
scored to pass with the Pony on a
sale. Any winner of the race this
season to carry 5 lb. extra for each
win in subsequent starts for the Race,
but in the event of a Pony carrying
the penalty not winning, 2 lb. to be
deducted next time he starts, such 2
lb. to remain deducted until he
wins again when he will carry the
full penalties without deduction.
Penalties accumulative up to 15
lb. In the event of two or
more Ponies tying with the same
number of marks after Five
Races have been run the owners
shall either divide the value of the
Cup which is hereby placed at \$400
or shall run off on a day to be fixed
by the Committee not being the same
day as the last race for the Stakes
but within two weeks thereafter. In
the event of a run off the weights
shall be weight for inches as per
scale. Entrance Fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$150.
2nd Prize: \$75. 3rd Prize: \$40.

3.—Class Handicap: A Class: Once
Round.—For China Ponies. En-
trance fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$150. 2nd
Prize: \$75. 3rd Prize: \$40.

4.—Post Entry Event.—Details will
be published later.

5.—Class Handicap: B Class: Once
Round.—For China Ponies. En-
trance fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$150. 2nd
Prize: \$75. 3rd Prize: \$40.

6.—One Mile Race.—For Subscrip-
tion Griffiths of any season.—Weight
for inches as per scale. Winners of
any race allowed 5 lb. Jockeys who
have not won more than two
Official Races allowed 5 lb. En-
trance fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$150. 2nd
Prize: \$75. 3rd Prize: \$40.

7.—Handicap: One and a Quarter
Mile Race.—For China Ponies.
Entrance fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$150.
2nd Prize: \$75. 3rd Prize: \$40.
Entries for all events close to the
Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Gymkhana
Club, on Wednesday, March 26.
They should be sent to the Hong-
kong Club, care of Hall Porter, who
will receive and be responsible for them.

PINKIE'S PARTY.

Happy, happy they who can have
seats to see "Pinkie and the Fairies"
at the City Hall. We feel sorry for
those who will miss this show. No
professional company on tour could
possibly equal it, and certainly none
could approach the magnificent stage
settings. It is not an entirely
kindergarten performance, as some
have supposed. For those that have
no particular love of children, and
who think fairies all nonsense, it has
plenty to offer. There is catchy
music, songs by grown-ups, beautiful
dancing, lovely dresses, and a ballet
that would draw every Nut for miles
around, if they but knew. This is
not a "preliminary puff" inspired by
interested parties, nor is it an opinion
built on hearsay. It is a considered
judgment based on a view of last
night's dress rehearsal.

The play itself is of the Christmas
pantomime order, meaning those
before the pantomime degenerated.
The "book" may have been inspired
by Barrie's "Peter Pan" or
Masterlinck's "Blue Bird," though it
introduces a more modern, topical
flavour.

The manner in which some of its
most difficult "business" is done
argues remarkable talent in the
participants, or exceedingly pains-
taking stage management, or both.

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RESIGNATION.
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HONGKONG SINGAPORE BATTERY AT WISEMAN'S.

A little while ago the Sikh com-
munity entertained the Indian sol-
diers from Palestine and yesterday
afternoon the Indian Staff of the
General Post Office entertained to tea
at Wiseman's, the British and Indian
Officers, and N.C.O.'s and men of
the Mountain Battery which was
returned from active service in
Palestine.

At 5 o'clock the Battery marched
along Des Vaux Road, headed by
the pipers. Khan Sahib Hashim
Khan received the guests. Captain
F. L. Skilton, M.C., Lieutenants E. A.
Ewenden, M.C., R. O. Perrott, A. J.
Wilcock, F. H. Mann, L. B. Tyler,
C. W. Reynolds, R. A. Sutherland,
and H. P. Cressy were the British
officers present. Indian officers and
decorated N.C.O.'s present were:
Subadar Inam Din Khan, M.C.,
Subadar Medhi Shah, Jemadar Nur
Mahomed, Sub. Asst. Surgeon Maula
Buksh (Russian Order of St. George,
gold medal), Hav. Major Pina Ditta,
D.C.M., Hav. Nawab Khan, D.C.M.,
Hav. Pina Ditta, D.C.M., Hav.
Ghani, Hav. Sultan Mahomed,
Milit. Medal, and Naik Tikka Khan,
Milit. Medal.

There were a number of other
guests, including Mr. S. B. C. Ross,
Postmaster-General, Messrs. A. F.
Arculli, A. Arculli, O'Arculli, Dr.
H. Arculli, Messrs. S. Khan,
Fateh Mahomed, Feroz Ali, S. H.
Sobhan, Khawas Khan and Nawab
Khan.

Mr. Khan Sahib Hashim Khan, in
greeting the guests, said: "We ask
of your presence here in order to
convey to you, as well as to the com-
batants of your Battery, our sense
of pride in the fact that you have
done your duty to the Raj and the
Empire to which we are all so de-
voted. By the skilful and successful
performance of your duty, you have
conferred lustre on the Indian com-
munity, and proved to the world that
we Indians, whether Muslims or
otherwise, are loyal to the core, and
deeply devoted to H.M. the King-
Emperor." (Applause.)

Subadar Inam Din Khan respond-
ed for the Indian ranks and said it
gave his brother officers and himself
much pleasure to attend this recep-
tion by the Mohammedans. They
had all striven to do their duty and
to maintain the honour of their great
country. They were very proud of
the part they had played in the great
war. (Applause.)

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The pipers of the Battery came
into the cafe and played a few selec-
tions. All the men looked very
sunt; most of them were wearing
the 1914-15 medal ribbon and quite
a number of medals for gallantry in
the field. The gathering dispersed
at 8 p.m.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

There were large crowds of specta-
tors round the several courts yester-
day to witness the matches played.
The following are the results:

OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.
F. A. Redmond and N. E. Kent
beat V. Yvanovich and J. M. J.
Lopes, 6-4, 6-3, 8-6, 6-3.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.
S. E. Green beat M. P. Lo, 6-1,
6-1, 6-1.

T. Mishima beat A. H. Runjahn,
5-7, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.
A. H. Cook and A. A. Claxton
(reps. 3/6) beat C. Thomas and E. A.
Macdonald (reps. 4/0), 6-8, 6-3,
6-4.

C. C. Hickling and A. D. Hum-
phreys (reps.) beat M. R. de Journal
and V. Desauz (reps. 15/1), 6-3,
6-4.

A. R. Sutherland and B. J. Evans
reps. 4/0 beat A. K. and W. W.
MacKenzie (reps. 15/1), 6-4, 7-5.

HANDICAP SINGLES "B" CLASS.
Pay-Lieut. Holborn (reps.) beat C.
B. Brown (reps. 15/8), 6-3, 11-9.

MIXED HANDICAP DOUBLES.
A. Morse and Mrs. Black (reps.
3/0) beat G. A. Hastings and Miss
Hastings (reps. 3/0).

HANDICAP SINGLES "A" CLASS.
N. E. Kent and J. S. Jennings
(owe 80) meet L. Forster and E. Wil-
kin (reps. 4/0); H. Hancock and J.
B. Raworth (owe 15) meet Pay-
Lieut. Robinson and Pay-Lieut.
Holborn (reps. 15/1).

HANDICAP SINGLES "B" CLASS.
A. A. Claxton (reps. 15/2) meets
A. A. Claxton (reps. 3/0).
HANDICAP SINGLES "A" CLASS.
E. A. Macdonald (reps. 2/0) meets
W. MacKenzie (reps. 4/0).

MAGISTRACY.

(MR. DUMEN COURT.)

There was a large docket in Mr.
Dume's Court this morning. After
several minor cases had been dealt
with, his Worship dealt with the case
of a Chinese who was charged with
being the manager of an unlawful
society at No. 63 Canton Road, Kow-
loon. The defendant admitted he
was the manager of the society but
denied being a member. Inspector
Gerrard informed his Worship that
he was not prepared to proceed with
the case as certain documents have
been handed to the Secretary for
Chinese Affairs for inspection. He
asked for a week's remand at the
end of which time he hoped to have
the papers back. The application
was granted.

A Chinese who was charged with
stealing flowers from the cemetery,
and also with uprooting ferns and
chrysanthemums from Crown land,
pleaded not guilty. Sergeant Cooke
said the prisoner was seen taking the flowers
by a Chinese constable and arrested.
The stealing of flowers was becoming
too common in the Wanchai district,
particularly so in Broadwood Road,
where flower stealing was becoming
a regular occurrence in the gardens
of Mr. Ross, Mr. Warren and Mr.
Tollen. The Sergeant said he had
received so much complaint from
these gentlemen that he was obliged
to detail two men to do special duty
on the road in question. Taking into
consideration the fact that this was
the prisoner's first offence, his Wor-
ship fined him \$1.

Charged with the theft of some
sugar, a Chinese employed by the
Taikoo Sugar Refinery pleaded
"not guilty." After evidence had
been taken from the police to the
effect that when searched at the gate
by a watchman, the sugar was found
under the prisoner's apron, his Wor-
ship fined him \$5.

As the result of a raid conducted
by the police at No. 25 Ashton Road,
twenty people, all Chinese with the
exception of a Portuguese named
Daniel de Jesus, were yesterday
arrested for playing *patou* and
allowed out on Police bail of \$5 each.
This morning, seventeen of the de-
fendants appeared before his Wor-
ship and all pleaded "guilty." A
woman who was alleged by the police
to be the tenant of the house was
fined \$10 whilst the others were
made to pay \$3 each. The bail
of the six absent defendants, includ-
ing de Jesus, was forfeited as also
was \$5.25 which was found on the
table.

Two Chinese, who were charged
with playing *patou* together with
eight others who are not in custody,
were fined \$2 each and \$1.84 found
on the gambling table was con-
fiscated.

When charged with snatching a
gold moulted mitten bangle from a
little girl, a Chinese youth pleaded
that he stole the bangle because he
was destitute and had no money to
buy food. It having been estab-
lished that the youngster had two
previous convictions for similar
offences, his Worship sentenced him
to 6 months' hard labour, 10 strokes
of the birch and 4 hours' stocks.

A Chinese charged another with
picking his pocket, on board the
Yamut ferry launch *Lye On* and
stealing some notes which he had in
his right breast pocket. After the
complainant's servant had deposed
to seeing the prisoner take the
money from his master's pocket, and
an Indian ticket collector had de-
posed to seeing the prisoner being
just in time to prevent the prisoner
after a hue and cry had been raised;
the prisoner made a long statement
to the effect that the money was his,
and ended by saying that the com-
plainant hit him in the mouth break-
ing a tooth. The prisoner who said
he wanted time to write a letter to
his relations in the country in order
to get money to engage a lawyer to
fight the case out for him.

His Worship: I will sentence you
to six weeks' hard labour. While
you are in jail, you will be given the
opportunity to write to your people
and if they turn up within a week
and engage a lawyer for you, the case
can come up again for trial.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, March 19.
Chang Shui-kay, special deputy
from the Peace Conference to Shensi,
has arrived at Sian.
Members of the Peking Cabinet
received telegraphic protests from
the Yangtze military governors, and
have rebuked Chai Shu-fan and Hsu
Shu-tsang.

GOVERNOR WILL PRESENT MEDALS.

His Excellency the Officer Ad-
ministering the Government will
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Meritorious Service to various
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CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

ARMED ROBBERY.

Only one Court was sitting, when
the Criminal Sessions were resumed
this morning. Mr. Justice Melbourne
presided.

The first case called from the
calendar was that of Luk Tong, alias
Tok Man Tong, alias Luk Yui Tui,
who was charged with armed rob-
bery.

Mr. Wakeman appeared on behalf
of the Attorney-General, and the
prisoner was represented by Mr. R.
B. Bellios.

Accused pleaded "not guilty."
The Jury was then elected as fol-
lows: Messrs. C. K. May (foreman),
F. X. D. Remedios, A. F. Clayton,
Wong To Ki, C. T. Randall, W.
Sonza and A. R. Kinnear.

Mr. Wakeman opened for the
Crown, and put forth briefly the facts
of the case.

For Chuk Chun, the first witness,
deposed that he was an accountant
in the firm of Chun Hing and that
on January 13 last, he was asleep in
the accountant's room of that firm,
and he was awakened by the robbers
who took hold of his two hands and
held him down and one robber point-
ed a revolver at him. The manager,
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was \$5.25 which was found on the
table.

Cross-examination by Mr. Bellios
brought forth the fact that the room
was in darkness, but that a light was
burning in the room behind. There
could be no shadows thrown, as they
were in front of the light. When
asked about being held down he
stated that the man who held him
down was very strong and that he
held both his hands with one hand,
and pointed a revolver at him with
the other. He swore that he could
not identify the prisoner. It was
about five minutes after the robbers
had left the room that he stood up
on his bed and blew the police
whistle.

Can Van stated that he was asleep
when the robbers came in; one of
them held a revolver at his head.
He was too frightened to move. He
could not identify the prisoner as
there was only a light in the other
room, and it showed very dimly in
his room.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bellios he
could not identify any of the men
who were in the room, except that
they were robbers.

Chan Po

CORRESPONDENCE.

AERODROME IS WAR-MEMORIAL.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Sir, If there is one class of men more than another who deserve credit for winning this great war, it is our flying men.

If we all do our bits to them and then switch our heads the fact of one person's death that our War Memorial should be an Aerodrome and an air service of our own such as Shanghai, Manila and Singapore. The money derived from it would keep on multiplying our available funds so that there would soon be enough to build the Victory emblem and the East-Asia suspension bridge.

Some want a theatre to laugh in; some a hospital to lay sick in; some a city hall to deliberate in; some a Baptist chapel to pray in and so on. When we have multi-millionaires such as Messrs. (Armstrong, Wills, Fry, Cadbury, Girdell, Rockefeller, etc.), as passengers on our ships, these will all seem like packets of sweets which, if we wish, will be thrown down to us. These millionaires on viewing our colony from up aloft will at a glance see the necessity for the bridges and when safely landed our Aerodrome will be sealed to them for their construction. A part of the site selected for the Aerodrome could be fenced in and a captive balloon similar to the one at Market Street, San Francisco, which ascends and descends every 15 minutes with passengers set in operation. It will draw back already (China's millions would regard it as a first). Mothers could take their youngsters for a trip to get a panoramic view of our colony and see what is really wanted. Many of the youth would then aspire to be air men, one of the exciting occupations.

Anyway, if we don't get this air service started soon the ships, from home and foreign shores, will soon be coming back and our air will be too busy and be "right on to date" before it is too late. Yours truly, S. K. HONGKONG, March 20.

PUNGILIOUS POLICE.

Upon a rubber estate in Pahang, eight or nine miles from the nearest police station, a coolie died, and his death was reported 26 hours afterwards. Two hours later, in Pahang, the police are entitled to charge 50 cents for a late report of death. In the other three states the late fee is \$1. But the official police circular directs the officers of all four states to collect \$1. In this case therefore when the belated messenger arrived with the notice he was bidden to stand and deliver a dollar. Then the "infectious" assistant to the manager of that estate demanded immediate repayment of that dollar extorted, as he said, from the coolie in his fear and ignorance. The matter was referred to the D.O. who decided that 50 cents was the proper charge. The manager was requested to call at the Treasury and receive a refund of half a dollar. He thanked the O.C. P.D. for his kind invitation, promised to call when passing, and then forgot the matter. But not so the police. The official conscience was stirred until remorse became intolerable. Wherefore a trusty corporal was despatched unto the Uluto perform the act of restitution. He travelled by gharry at four miles an hour, paid the fifty cents; insisted upon a receipt in triplicate, adjourned from labour to refreshments, and returned in the cool of the evening to report the success of his mission. And very nice tool Gharry hire \$3.20, one day's pay of a corporal, presumably food allowance also, all to force fifty cents upon a person who didn't want it and wouldn't have crossed the road to get it. But after all it's a fault on the right side!—Straits Times.

THE IRISH ANTI-CONSCRIPTION FUND.

A question in Ireland which excites attention just now is (says a correspondent) the disposal of the large sums of money collected last spring for an anti-conscription fund. These sums, which are in the hands of local committees all over the country, lie idle. They cannot fairly be used for the purposes of the now dominant Sinn Fein party, seeing that all sections of Nationalists contributed equally to the collection. No one has suggested that Sinn Fein should claim the £100,000 as a victory indemnity.

The only definite proposal comes from clerical quarters. Many pious Irish people believe that Ireland's escape from conscription was due not to Mr. De Valera or to Mr. Dillon, but to Divine intervention, following the special prayers that were ordered by the bishops on the occasion of the crisis. Dr. Cahan, the Bishop of Cork, recently urged that local subscriptions should be devoted to the building of a great new cathedral in the southern capital. The reply of the senior member of Parliament for Cork City was significant. He not only objected wholly to the proposal, but declared that Ireland had already enough churches.

Probably the money will stay where it is for the time being. Reasons can be urged in favour of this course so long as there is a possibility of the retention of compulsory service in Great Britain.

OBSTACLE TO NEW TRADE.

FIRMS' DIFFICULTIES OVER FINANCE OF WAR-TAX PAYMENTS.

The Engineering Trades (New Industries) Committee, presided over by the Hon. H. D. McLaren, M.P., have presented a report to the Ministry of Reconstruction upon the possibilities of making in Britain articles which were imported before the war.

It is stated that during the inquiry it became clear that there were a number of schemes upon which immediate action was required. In many branches of the engineering trades there existed fresh openings for British enterprise; but it is evident that questions of finance will have an important bearing on the ability of engineering firms after the war to embark on new industries or to develop industries already existing.

Many firms are threatened with serious financial trouble unless some steps are promptly taken to finance payments due to the Inland Revenue in respect of munitions levy and excess profits taxation. Indications point to the difficulties of raising capital by means of new issues. No firm that finds itself in the position indicated is able to lay a good case before a possible investor or underwriter in regard to any new issue of capital that it may wish to make.

It is understood that certain Government departments have been compelled to make arrangements for loans to firms who had contracts in hand for them, to enable the firms to meet the urgent demands made upon them by the Inland Revenue. These loans are in some cases made payable two years after the end of the war. This arrangement, while it may give temporary relief, can hardly be said to be sufficient to meet the situation, and required specially, reviewing by the Government.

It is assumed by the committee that the excess profits tax will be removed as soon as possible; if it were not so removed there would be small likelihood of firms undertaking the risk inseparable from the starting of new industries in Britain.

FITS HONGKONG.

Disseminating a "runny campaign" at Singapore, the Straits Times thus concludes:—

The question one would like to put to the Purist Campaigners is simply this: Are they prepared to accept the decision of a commission of which one half shall be doctors and the other half lawyers and professional men, after such commission has made a full and complete inquiry into (1) the local conditions, (2) the extent of medical capacity to grapple with the disease? If a commission so formed recommends periodical inspection, compulsory notification and isolation, will the Purist Campaigners refrain from raising the old cry about "state recognition of vice"? Put it another way are they as eager to stamp out the disease as they are to advocate their own points of view? This is really the crux of the whole matter as it affects Singapore. We want the Purist Campaigners to preach with all the fervour at their command. We hope most sincerely that they will convince many; but we know our world, and we are perfectly well aware that the horrible evil this community suffers from will never be stamped out by preachers, and we are perfectly certain that justice and expediency demand a far-reaching change of method which will give medical science a fair chance of proving what it can do. The Churches have had a hundred years with matters pretty much in their own hands and what is the result? Simply that the evil is on the increase—that the vile thing is creeping into the blood of the whole population, and that power to repress it is not used. "State recognition of vice" is a mischievous, stupid phrase. What merit is there in ignoring the obvious and making the innocent suffer?

DISOBEY D COURT ORDER.

The owner of No. 170 Wellington Street was summoned yesterday afternoon for failing to comply with the Court's order by which he was required to demolish the top floor of that house. The time allowed for the completion of the work was six weeks beginning on January 22nd, but by the expiration of this term the work was not commenced. Mr. Leo Longinotto, Assistant Crown Solicitor, represented the P.W.D. Defendant said he had instructed Mr. Rosser, architect, to carry out the work but the latter was busy and could not attend to the matter. This morning Mr. Rosser deposed to having written several letters to the defendant to get the work in hand but the order was not actually given until Feb. 27.

His Worship fined the defendant \$50.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

CHINA'S PEACE TERMS.

[BY COURTESY "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

PEKING, March 18.

The Chinese delegates at Paris, on March 8th, submitted to the Conference China's peace terms with Germany and Austria. They express the hope that all unequal terms and unjust restrictions upon China's sovereignty will be removed.

China demands the return of Tsingtau, the return of railway and mining interests, the cancellation of agreements with Germany, the cancellation of the Boxer Indemnities, and the return of the Observatory instruments stolen in 1900.

HOCKEY.

STAFF AND DEPTS. V. HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

The Staff and Departments carried on their winning career in the United Services League yesterday. They defeated the H.K.D.C. at the Happy Valley. The first half was well and evenly contested. Both goals had narrow escapes. Pugh just missing with a fast shot aimed at the Defence Corps goal. Wood scored for the Defence Corps and would have scored again but for an effective tackle by the Rev. Mr. Bundle. Halftime the Defence Corps led by a goal to nil.

In the second half play slightly favoured the regular soldiers. Following a combined movement, Horrocks brought the scores 1-1. Wood and Schnepel made play on the left wing but Scouler pulled them up. Hodgson and Stewart tried again but this time Gallagher stopped them. With time approaching the Staff made repeated efforts to score. Five minutes from the end Pugh succeeded in breaking through and he scored the winning goal. Result:—

Staff and Depts., 2; H.K.D.C., 1.
Teams:—
Staff and Depts.:—Glenny: Bundle, Coles; Scouler, Gallagher, Conner, Kirby, Horrocks. Pugh, Knight, and Turner.

H.K.D.C.:—
Jennings: Hickling and Evans; North, Edmonds, and Percy: Taylor, Stewart, Hodgson, Wood, and Schnepel.

Two officers of Genl. Knox's mission were the umpires.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

SATURDAY, March 22, 1919,

commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

One Hammerless Double Barrelled

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Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 20, 1919.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

From EUROPE AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"SHIDZUOKA MARU,"

having arrived from the above Ports,

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed

that their Goods are being loaded and

placed at their risk in the HONGKONG

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Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment

will be sorted out mark by mark and

delivery can be obtained as soon as the

Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless

instructions are given to the contrary

before Noon, To-day.

Goods not cleared by March 28

1919, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the

Godowns for examination by the Consignees

and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed

hour on TUESDAY and FRIDAY.

All claims must be presented within

ten days of the steamer's arrival

here, after which date they cannot be

recognised. No claims will be admitted

after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Agents.

Hongkong, March 19, 1919.

NOTICE.

MESSRS. W. G. HUMPHREYS & CO.

Shameen, Canton, have this day

been appointed AGENTS for

the sale and distribution of

the "CHINA MAIL" in Can-

ton and the surrounding dis-

tricts.

March 1, 1919.

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD., will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Pedder Street, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March 1919, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the abjoined resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 7th day of March, 1919, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

1. That the capital of the Company be increased from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 by the creation of 20,000 new shares of \$200 each new shares to participate in any dividend declared after the 7th February, 1919, pro rata with the existing capital.

2. That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, viz:—
(a) By the insertion of the words "without the sanction of the Directors" between the word "shall" and the word "except" in line 2 of Article 19.
(b) By the addition of the following words at the end of Article 19:—
"Provided further that the registration of a transfer of shares whereby the holding of any shareholder is increased beyond 1500 shares shall be conclusive evidence that the sanction of the directors to such increased holding has been given."

(c) By the insertion of the letter "(a)" after the figures "101" constituting the number of Article 101 and by the addition of the following paragraph to Article 101:—
(b) The Board may employ the reserve fund for the time being or any portion thereof (and that whether such fund or such portion as is proposed to be dealt with was set aside for the special purpose to which it is proposed to be applied or for any other purpose or not) in or for all or any of the following purposes that is to say, in meeting contingencies, in equating dividends, in paying special dividends, or bonuses, in repairing, improving or maintaining any of the property of the Company or otherwise in the business of the Company and in or for such other purposes as the Board shall in its discretion think conducive to the interests of the Company and in regard to any such employment as aforesaid the Board shall not be bound to keep the reserve fund separate from the other assets.

(d) By the addition immediately after Article 101 of a new Article as follows:—
"101A. (1) The Company in General Meeting may in the year 1919 pass a resolution to the effect that it is desirable to, capitalise to the extent provided for by this Article the sum of \$1,000,000 being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and accordingly that for the purpose of effecting such capitalisation such sum of \$1,000,000 be distributed as a bonus amongst the persons who are registered as the holders of the issued shares of the Company on such date as the Board shall decide in proportion to the issued shares held by them on that date respectively, and that the Board be authorised to distribute amongst such persons as aforesaid one new unissued share for each complete number of three issued shares held by them and that the Board be further authorised to allot the surplus of such unissued shares remaining after such allotment to such persons at such times and on such terms and conditions as they think fit."

(2) When such resolution has been passed the Board may allot and issue the 20,000 unissued shares of the Company credited as fully paid up to such persons as are referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article in satisfaction of the said bonus to the extent of allotting one unissued share for each complete number of three issued shares held by them respectively, and prior to such allotment the Board may authorise any person on behalf of such persons as aforesaid to enter into an Agreement with the Company providing for the allotment to them of such shares credited as fully paid up and in satisfaction as aforesaid, and in such proportion as aforesaid and any Agreement made under such authority shall be effective.

(3) It shall be no objection to resolutions passed under paragraph (1) of this Article that they are passed at the meeting at which the resolution introducing this Article was confirmed as a Special Resolution, provided that due notice of the intention to propose such first mentioned resolutions shall have been given prior to the confirmatory meeting aforesaid.

And the abjoined resolution will be further proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, viz:—
"It is desirable to capitalise to the extent hereinafter provided the sum of \$1,000,000 being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's reserve fund and accordingly that for the purpose of effecting such capitalisation a bonus of \$1,000,000 per share on each of the issued shares of the Company be authorised to satisfy such bonus as follows:—
(a) The Board be authorised to distribute amongst the persons who are registered as the holders of the issued shares of the Company on such date as the Board shall decide one of the unissued shares of the Company credited as fully paid up in respect of each complete number of three of the issued shares of the Company held by such persons as aforesaid and in satisfaction of such bonus in respect of each such complete number of three issued shares."

By Order of the Board, W. S. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 11, 1919.

TO-NIGHT

AT

THE CORONET



IN

"EASY STREET."

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Owing to the popular demand for further performances of "PINKIE & THE FAIRIES" there will be a

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on Thursday, 27th March, at 4.30 p.m. and a

FINAL PERFORMANCE

on Saturday, 29th March, at 9.15 p.m.

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Booking will open at MOUTRIE'S

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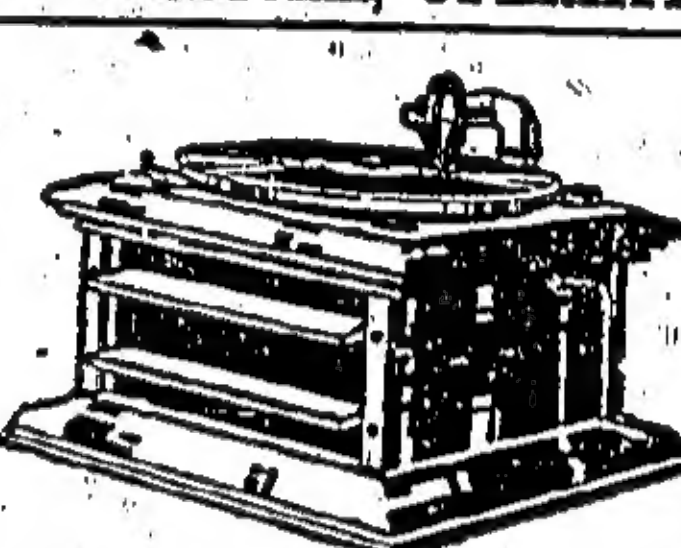
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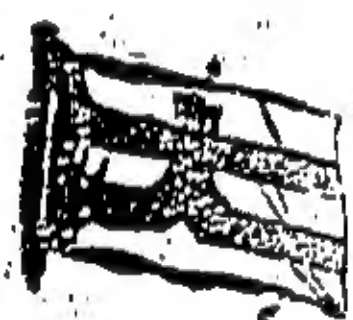
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A SEAMAN'S CRITICISMS.

As a patriotic British seaman with twenty-two years varied practical experience I am in entire agreement with Sir Leo Chichester Money when he says the nation is indebted to *The Evening News* for directing its attention to the very serious character of the shipping problem. Some of his other statements I can endorse, and he is undoubtedly right in what he says regarding our national prejudice against State control. That some of the big war organisations were introduced late in the day, and as a consequence, we nearly lost the war, is strictly true. He asks if the lesson is learned, and answers it himself in an emphatic negative.

After that I cannot sail the same course as Sir Leo. He may venture into the uncharted seas seeking for the headlands of Utopia, but I prefer to keep to the track I know.

If all our ships had been national ships when war broke out, they would have been manned by well-trained officers and men living in comfortable quarters in efficient vessels. At this point I have great difficulty in not expressing myself in the language of the deep sea. The Mercantile Marine was and still is manned by well-trained officers and men. There are none better. For confirmation of my assertion the records of the Royal Naval Reserve and of the Registrar-General of Shipping, and Seamen should be scrutinised. If modern knights have the same sense of chivalry and fairness as that attributed to knights of olden days Sir Leo will apologise for his statement. As for the quarters of the personnel, let him take a fair specimen of a ship built to the order of any well-known line just prior to the commencement of hostilities and compare it with a standard ship built to State specifications. He will be surprised at the result. Regarding their efficiency, for seaworthiness there are no ships at all comparable with British ships. Surely this shipping expert knows that the big majority of British ships are classed 100 A1 at Lloyd's, and that this standard is accepted throughout the civilised world as the hall-mark of efficiency.

Neither then nor subsequently did the State hesitate to requisition all the tonnage it required. If as Sir Leo says, the War Cabinet learned with astonishment in February, 1917, that only half our ships were under requisition it shows how criminally negligent the War Cabinet was. Up to that time the requisitioning of ships had been done through the Transport Department at the Admiralty, and no doubt the Director of Transports could have given the War Cabinet exact information on the subject any day after the declaration of war. When one remembers that ships were of vital importance to our successful conduct of the war the cause for astonishment lies in the fact that shipping records were not examined by the Cabinet at least once a month.

The Ministry of Shipping was formed the early part of 1917, and I think it has been one of the most successful of the war organisations. Why? Because the Shipping Controller has spent the whole of his business life in running ships, and he had the advice and assistance of a number of patriotic men with similar experience. That vexatious delays and friction, as alleged by Sir Leo, have actually been experienced I do not doubt. Possibly I, in my humble way, have been responsible for some of it. These things will always be as long as officials who do not know, attempt to dictate to men who do know.

All the world knows or should know that victory for us and our Allies depended on British sea-power—the combination of our fighting ships with our merchant ships. The Navy was found ready and the credit belongs to the State. The Mercantile Marine was found ready, but not a shred of credit belongs to the State. Our mighty merchant fleet was built up gradually by private enterprise in open competition with the merchant navies of the world. Germany included. No assistance and very little encouragement came from the State. The credit belongs to ship-owners and to those members of the public who had the courage and faith to invest capital in shipping.

These are incontrovertible facts. The State cannot point to any such record. Therefore, writing as a practical British seaman with a desire to see the Red Ensign supreme on every ocean, I say it is monkeying with disaster to embark on any chimerical scheme, such as this alien-born socialist advocates.

STEAMER FOUNDERS AFTER LOSING HER RUDDER.

A Lloyd's Painsmouth telegram states that the British steamer *War Maru*, Port Arthur for Baku, with lumber and general cargo, "sundered" early in January, after having lost her rudder and sprung her beam. The captain and 37 of the crew were landed at Painsmouth by an American steamer.

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Karak—19,459 lbs.
Kuala Kubu—15,897 lbs.
Sungel Sayong—12,159 lbs.
Lumut—92,000 lbs.
Ribu—20,590 lbs.
Perak R. Plan—32,129 lbs.
Sungel Krut—30,960 lbs.
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Langen—73,000 lbs.
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NEWS FROM HOME.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, January 14.

THE CHANGE OVER.

There is no enthusiasm for the new Cabinet. Mr. Winston Churchill taking charge of both earth and Heaven, as Minister for War and Air, does not move men to applause, nor does the spectacle of the self-assertive Sir E. E. Smith on the Woolen give rise to feelings of becoming awe, while the wonder grows as to what Mr. Long knows about the Navy and what the special qualifications of Mr. Austen Chamberlain are for the introduction of critical Budgets. I repeat my prediction of my last letter—the Government will not hold Parliament together for long, probably two years at the outside.

Already trouble is brewing in Ireland, a fact not altogether divorced from the preponderance of reactionary influences in the new House. The first big squalls look like coming from that quarter, and then the next squalls from the national demand for housing and land reforms from a House thick with men who have "interests" to preserve by stemming the tide of such reforms.

The next Budget is expected to be a "sweeping" one, with many new taxes and a sharper method of exacting income tax from weekly wages. As to the Peace Conference, many things are already well on the way to a settlement. The thorny matters that will take considerable time are the indemnity to be extracted from Germany, and the disposition of the German Colonies, on which latter point, of course, our own Dominions claim to have a leading voice.

Optimists believe the Conference will have concluded its labours within two months, but they admit that an army of occupation must remain in Germany for some year or two thereafter to ensure the indemnities and other undertakings being met. That I think is over sanguine, considering the present condition of Germany, but the fact that the Allies have had many preliminary talks and have come to an agreement on the main lines, should expedite the final clearing up of the whole European mess.

There will be difficulty, as usual, in settling the Balkan division, but the one certainty is that Serbia will come out bigger and stronger than ever. I know that this situation is full of enterprise and hope. One of its leading men, British appliances for the development of the country, and he showed me the other night a receipt for a first big instalment of purchases, ranging from hotel equipment and foodstuffs to agricultural machinery.

OVERSEAS TRADE.

When Parliament opens in about a month from now there will be awkward questions to the Board of Trade on the management of the restrictions on trade. Here is a sample of the scores of cases of foolishness that manufacturers and merchants have placed before me. A large firm in New Zealand offered a great quantity of block liquorice, running into scores of tons. A permit was sought by the merchants and it was pointed out that there was no shortage of block liquorice in the country. A long wait resulted in a permit for five cwt. Then the High Commissioner took a hand and communications ensued, and intercrossed for weeks. Eventually the permit was made to cover ten hundredweight. The next day to that all restrictions were taken off the export of block liquorice.

Nobody seems to know the man actually responsible, the Overseas Trade Dept. does not appear to have the powers it needs, and even in the matter of the new Overseas Trade Commissioners, the Treasury is doing out the money so nigglingly, that the best men don't want to be in the scheme. Perhaps when Parliament takes a hand, things will improve.

It is asserted that the classification of commodities in the export and import lists issued by the Customs contains serious defects. Goods are lumped together in classes regardless of their material constitution, with the result that it is impossible to disentangle the figures so far as to reach an estimate of the fate of raw materials, or to arrive at a gross total of distinct and important trades. It would appear that the Customs does not recognise the authority of the Intelligence Department in the matter, and the only way to secure revision of the lists is for the commercial community to take action; and it is therefore intended to draw the attention of the Chambers of Commerce to the matter. What the Overseas Trade Department is doing with the aid of a considerable staff, is the compilation of information of foreign competition.

GREAT BRITAIN AND CHINA.

The *Birmingham Post* says: "There is good ground for the statement that, as a result of communications which have passed between London and Peking, a British Mission will be sent to China as soon as its composition can be definitely settled for the purpose of considering questions affecting Chinese finances. As the mission will also have to discuss the relationship between the Far Eastern Republic and our Indian dependencies, it is naturally desired

that its members should be experts of ripe experience; and it is especially hoped, therefore, that two in particular of those who have been invited to go will see their way to undertake the journey."

GERMAN SPIES.

It has been amply proved by now that our secret service, during the war, was better than that of the Germans, in spite of the enormous sums lavished by the Huns for many years and their great efforts to build up a network of invisible agents.

It appears that the German bureaucrats did not trust their own agents. They had the spy fever so badly that they suspected everybody, and lived on tenterhooks of anxiety. The latest story is that, very early in the war one of their men with great intrepidity actually got away from Scapa Flow with full particulars of our battle squadrons, their stations and ratings, as well as the fact that there were no guns or forts in the harbour to protect them from attack. When he got back to Germany he was shot dead. His employers in the underground game were convinced that he had been tricked by the British Government and that the story he was selling had been prepared for them in order to lead the German Fleet on to destruction.

However that may be, we have ample evidence that the German authorities had their leg pulled badly both as to the nets that were set up in the air to protect London from raiders and as to the barrage in the Channel. The latter, as you are no doubt aware, was non-existent for months, what time the Germans avoided the Dover entrance like the plague, convinced that certain destruction awaited them there. "Eighthlings" certainly did play a part in the war, but though the Germans opened it actually against women and children, we operated it psychologically only against fighting men as notorious for their fears as for their bullying.

NAVY DISCONTENT.

The extent to which democratic influence is extending is to be seen in the Commission now sitting in the North to consider the grievances of the Navy in the matter of pay and conditions. There is an Admiral in the chair at this Commission—which will visit all the naval ports in turn—but there is also, for the first time in history, a representative sitting in the Commission, with full rights, directly nominated by the lower deck ratings.

The Fleet is not financially attractive to men, though thank Heaven its appeal on other grounds keeps it going for the defence of the home-land for reform. When one considers how money has depreciated, it is not a generous fit that prompts a nation to pay Admiral Sir David Beatty £2,000 a year. The Captain of the Fleet receives £1,000, while the first eight captains receive only £600 a year. When it comes from commanders down to lieutenants the pay ranges from £400 down to £200 a year. When one considers also that the naval officer has to maintain his wife and family with some dignity ashore and to keep himself afloat with some consideration to his status, it is clear that he has no cause for effervescent content with the present conditions.

AN ELECTION STORY.

Out of the dull election, there are one or two good stories. It was a sort of "free for all" scramble, and many a man who had never taken part in a fight in his life took a sporting chance. One charming officer made a shot at it, though his knowledge of politics was not profound. He was heckled severely on free imports at one meeting by a gentleman of exceeding volubility, who rambled on for ten minutes with an involved question that had some mysterious relation to oranges. The officer-candidate listened with great politeness, but it was soon clear that he had lost the thread of the heckler's thoughts. Expectation was mingled with amusement when he rose to reply. He adjusted his monocle calmly and said: "Well, ladies and gentlemen, all that I can say is that the gentleman who has put the question must be a damned nuisance to his friends." He was returned with flying colours.

THE HOUSE HUNT.

On almost any residential street to-day, and certainly in any house agents' office, you may see semi-timid women, and a few of their male belongings, scanning the windows and the signs for evidence of a flat or maisonette to let at anything like a reasonable rental. I am assured that there are several million more people in London to-day than in normal times, and as a consequence of the stoppage of building during the war we are a million homes short. Timber alone is five times the price it was. In pre-war days, for example, the timber in a £600 house cost about £80. Now it costs £300. That condition must continue for a long time, so pity the poor middle-class resident, the professional man, the fixed salary man, who has to find a new home, maybe re-establish himself in business, with higher taxes, higher rent, and higher everything he eats, drinks or wears. I advertised the other day for a flat in a convenient neighbourhood, only to be offered one or two impossibly pory corners without any bathroom at £150 a year and upwards. But there was one humorous builder who cheer-

ed my discontent. He wrote: "If you should not get suited, I can build you a shed for £800."

DANCING BOOM.

But vast numbers of people make merry while they can. Dancing has never had such a boom. Every hall and dance room is engaged weeks ahead, and private dances are so numerous that it is difficult now to get a band, no matter how small, unless it is engaged long before. It is said that the oldsters are going it even harder than the youngsters, for the main lines of these dances are the "two-step" and Fox trot. With these the festive veterans renew their youth and bid dull care begone.

BOXING AND SPORT.

The sporting boom also continues. Football looks like coming once more into more than its own, while golf is reviving grandly, and many players are rejoicing to find that their game has not deteriorated by the interruption of war.

Boxing will be revived with something of its old-time spirit. Numbers of athletic youngsters have taken to it in the Army, and they are returning to civil life convinced that it provides the best physical and mental exercise obtainable.

The amateur side is therefore secure, and it is bound to be accompanied by a boom in professional exhibition pugilism. Sportsmen are delighted that Jimmy Wilde is to have another chance to try his skill against the American who recently received the judge's decision against him at the Albert Hall under circumstances that left the onlookers almost spellbound with astonishment. There is also talk of a fight between Georges Carpentier, fulfilling his earlier promise of sensational form. There is talk of a fight between Carpentier and Billy Wells, but this does not rouse the National Sporting Club members to anything like the pleasant anticipation of good and exciting sport as the Wilde fixture.

PRINCESS PATRICIA.

The marriage of Princess Patricia to Lord DeLichouse is a very popular one. She is a very level-headed young lady, who knows what is what, and her experiences about the world have rid her mind of many of the superficialities common to girls in her high circle, surrounded as they are with unreality and ceremonial. Consequently she has been not a little annoyed at the "sloppiness" of much of the woman-journalist writing that has appeared about her. She is quite aware that she is not a common-place person, and that the imaginative person who has pictured her as a fast, her great amusement—and accomplishment—is trimming hints. When she declined to be handed over to this or that foreign princeling on the tour for a bride, people applauded and then set to work weaving uncharitable explanations. The report got about that she had an infatuation for a married peer. It was not true, and it is just as well, to say the least, that she now disposes of the curand by the accomplishment of what she has waited for all along—a real love match.

Her wedding at Westminster Abbey is the first Royal marriage to be solemnized there for generations. It gives the public a fine opportunity of greeting her—whereas had she been married at the Chapel Royal, as the last few Royal marriages have been, the public would hardly have had a look in at all.

NUFF SAID.

The appointment of Whips by the Labour party recalls a story of Sir Courtenay's libel of the bewilderment of an intelligent foreigner as to the exact role of such officials in Parliamentary life. Sir Courtenay explained and pointed out that the official title of the Chief Government Whip was Patronage Secretary to the Treasury. "Ah," said the inquirer, with a knowing smile, "I understand; you need say no more."

THE HUN NAVAL MIND AND ITS LOOSENESS.

It is all very well to talk about psychology, and understanding the German mind," said a naval officer, "but I'm hanged if I know where to start."

Certainly if one studies the officers and crews of the seventy old ships in the German Scapa Flow fleet one does not know where to start. They are so un-British, in fact, they are so unlike the rest of the world in their behaviour, that there seems no logical bridge by which one can cross to appreciate their mental workings.

Their lack of discipline, says a writer in the *London Daily Mail*, has already been much commented on and may be briefly attributed to their degeneration as a fighting force; but to what mental process can one attribute the fact that the German seaman slavishly obeys a direction given him by a British officer and yet preserves an attitude of neutrality toward his own?

For that is the general experience of our officers who have on duty visited the German ships. The German seaman will run about at once at a hint from a British officer. Perhaps that is the spirit that made the German waiter the success he was in pre-war days, but the British naval

man finds it difficult to understand, for he cannot by any stretch of imagination picture himself acting like-wise in similar circumstances. Yet another puzzle is that the German seaman have been seen to salute their representative on the Sailors and Workmen's Council when they have disregarded their own officers.

The mental processes of the German officer, too, are no less difficult. The German officer occasionally salutes a British officer. It seems to depend on the nature of the German himself whether he does so or not. But contrast with this is the fact that when some American mine-sweepers passed through the German lines all the officers on the deck of one of the German ships stood to the salute as the leading American vessel passed. Why? One hazards the guess that the Germans may think the Americans more friendly than the British, but one cannot understand the reasoning.

Yet another point which astonishes the naval officer. At the very time that the German High Seas Fleet was abandoning its proud title by refusing to fight, a gallant submarine officer—for there is no other adjective to most men's minds—made an attempt to get into Scapa Flow and wreck havoc among the units of the British fleet then assembled there. He failed, and his submarine was blown up owing to our adequate defences, but it was a bold attempt and in accord with the best traditions of naval warfare.

Truly, one is "hanged if one knows where to start" to understand the German naval mind.

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Sound Hints for Dyspeptics.

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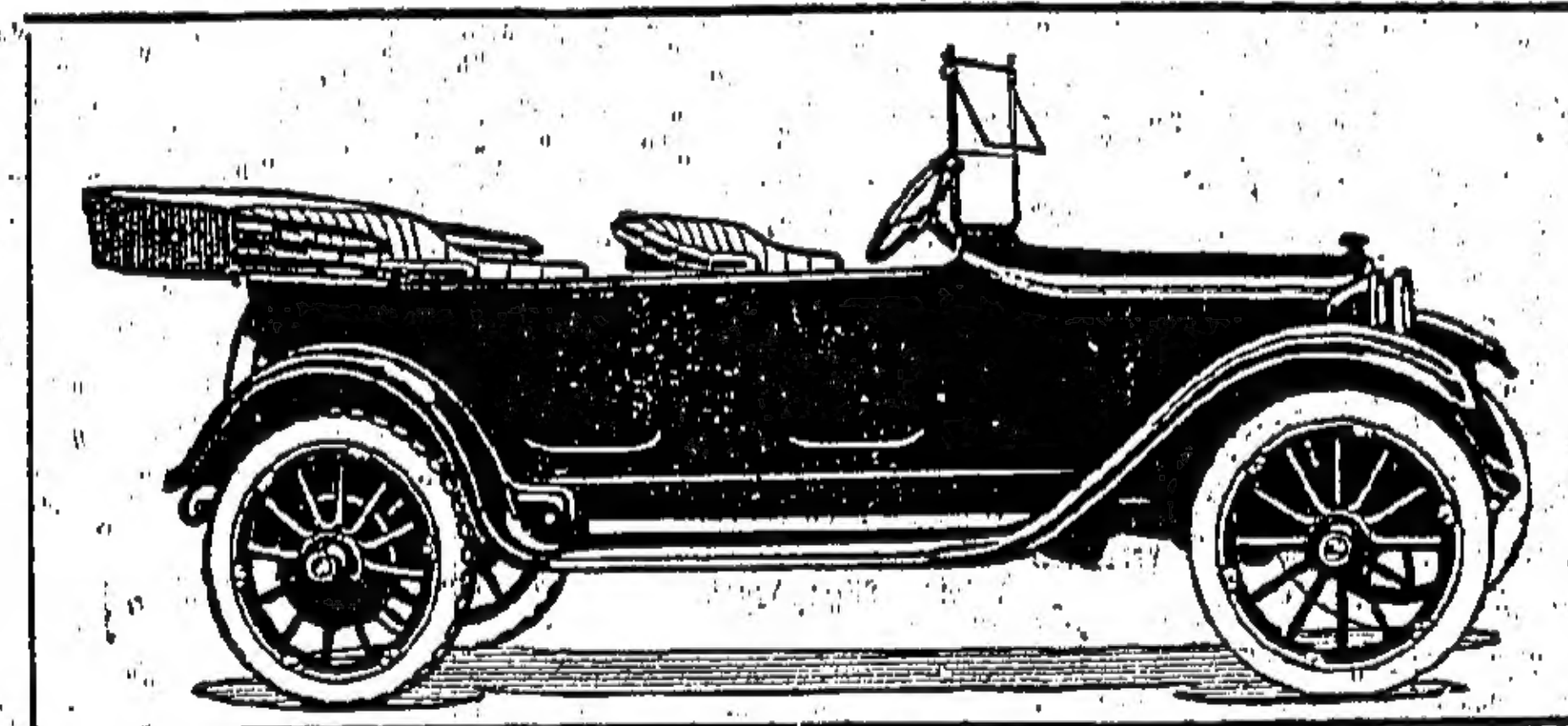
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